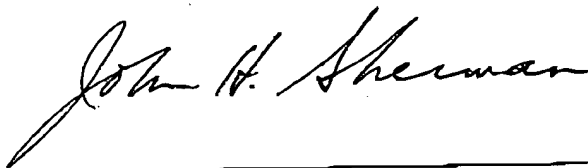


REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing further cross-reference paragraph is respectfully solicited. It is noted that patent claim 1 of U.S. Patent 5,940, 771 is directed to similar subject matter as disclosed and claimed herein, so that cross reference to this patent and its antecedent applications is believed to be desirable.

In any event, the proposed further cross-references herein are intended to give notice to the public of these further cross-references pursuant to 35 USC 120.

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